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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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The following comments are submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (copy attached) mailed February 28, 2001.

It is respectfully submitted that a properly executed Declaration has been provided for each of the inventors. Along with the application that was filed on December 27, 2000, a Declaration executed by Frederick W. Ryan, Jr. was provided. Subsequently, in response to an earlier Notice to File Missing Parts, a Declaration executed by the remaining inventors, Thomas J. Foth, Cathy C. Morrissey, Steven J. Pauly, and Leon A. Pintsov was submitted on February 20, 2001. Therefore, the filing of the two separate Declarations accounts for signatures from all inventors.



Reconsideration of the Notice to Filing Missing Parts is respectfully requested.

If the Customer Service Center or the Initial Patent Examination Division has any questions or concerns, please contact the attorney signed below at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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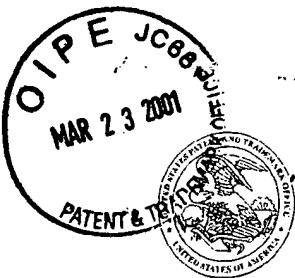
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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
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